

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Award Process

A Guide to Understanding the Weather Program Office NOFO

















WPO NOFO PROCESS SUMMARY

¹WPO program managers work with policy team, partners and stakeholders, and scientific community to develop scientific priorities for each competition within a NOFO.

Scientific priorities¹ are determined and NOFO is announced set cr

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Program managers select 3+ reviewers who then evaluate proposals using set criteria WPO Director reviews and approves proposal selection

Proposals
Submitted
Peer Review

Proposal Selection

Director Review Legal Review and Award Processing

Pls submit LOIs and proposals through grants.gov and are notified of submission receipt Program managers review and quality control reviewer evaluations and make selections Selected proposals undergo legal review before awards are processed











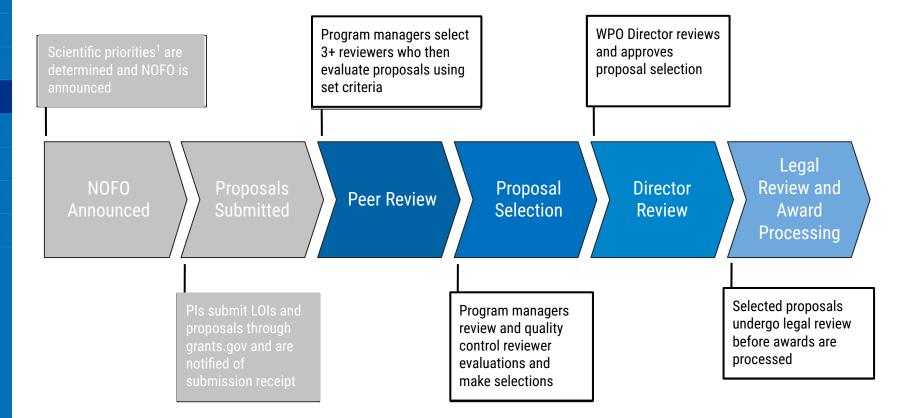
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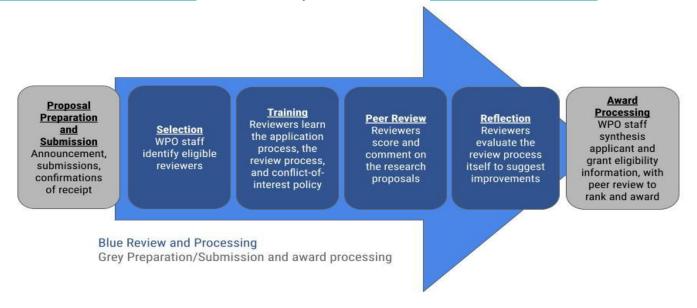






GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWERS

• Each Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that the Weather Program Office (WPO) publishes requires a thorough peer review. If you would like to serve as a reviewer, please fill out the Reviewer Application Form and submit your resume to info.wpo@noaa.gov.

















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NOFO PEER REVIEW

Each application meeting minimum requirements is reviewed against all other proposals submitted to the competition.

Reviews are conducted by a panel of at least three peers, whose scores are averaged. Reviews will be quality controlled for equity and impartiality.



Note: Proposals may be selected out of rank order depending on funding availability and program priorities.

- 1 Relevance to Program Goals (30 pts)
- 2 Scientific & Technical Merit (30 pts)
- **3** Qualifications of Applicants (14 pts)
- 4 Project Cost (10 pts)
- 5 Education & Outreach (8 pts)
- 6 Diversity & Inclusion (8 pts)

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AWARD REVIEW and PROCESSING

- After peer review, the WPO director reviews and approves final list of proposals.
- Selected proposals go through legal review by the Federal Assistance Law Division (FALD).
- Awards are processed by the NOAA Acquisitions and Grants Office (AGO) and distributed by the Grants Management Division (GMD) to recipients.
- Competition Managers will continue to work with recipients throughout the life-cycle of the grant.





For information about the application process see the following presentation

